

1953

OLIVE HILL SCHOOL

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History of Olive Hill School

Like that of most other worthwhile accomplishments, the story of the founding of Olive Hill School is one including elements of hard-work, self-sacrifice and faith--- in this case extending back over a period of more than 35 years.

Actual founding of the school, appearing today on the building as 1902, was preceded by a period during which two elementary schools---Alliance Hall and Pinehurst--- were in operation in the school district. Neither school was entirely adequate for the pupils, since the buildings of both were lacking in certain facilities, and were considered poorly located in the district.

Therefore, in the years prior to 1920, under the leadership of Miss Helen W. Graves, sentiment gradually grew for the establishment of a new and larger school to replace both of the earlier ones. "Miss Helen", as she has been known for many years by several generations of students, was therefore the prime mover behind the building of Olive Hill School. This fact is attested today by the bronze plaque bearing her name which is mounted beside the School's front door.

The work of founding a new school, however, could not be carried out single-handedly, and Miss Helen had a substantial amount of loyal support in the project. In the period just after World War I, money for the building of schools was not being furnished by the State, and it was necessary to borrow the money for the construction of Olive Hill. Some \$25,000 was needed for the project, and was borrowed from the People's Bank of Roxboro. To secure this loan, 80 citizens of the community and county signed an instrument of obligation to guarantee payment of the principal and interest.

These backers of Olive Hill School, as their names appear on the original instrument, were K. C. Wagstaff, J. M. Brewer, J. A. Long, J. B. Satterfield, S. C. Tillman, J. H. Hester, J. D. Winstead, C. T. Wood, R. M. Paylor, C. E. Winstead Jr., A. N. Taylor, C. M. Winstead, M. J. Daniel, Belle D. Wagstaff, A. H. Wagstaff, F. H. Carver and J. C. Wagstaff.

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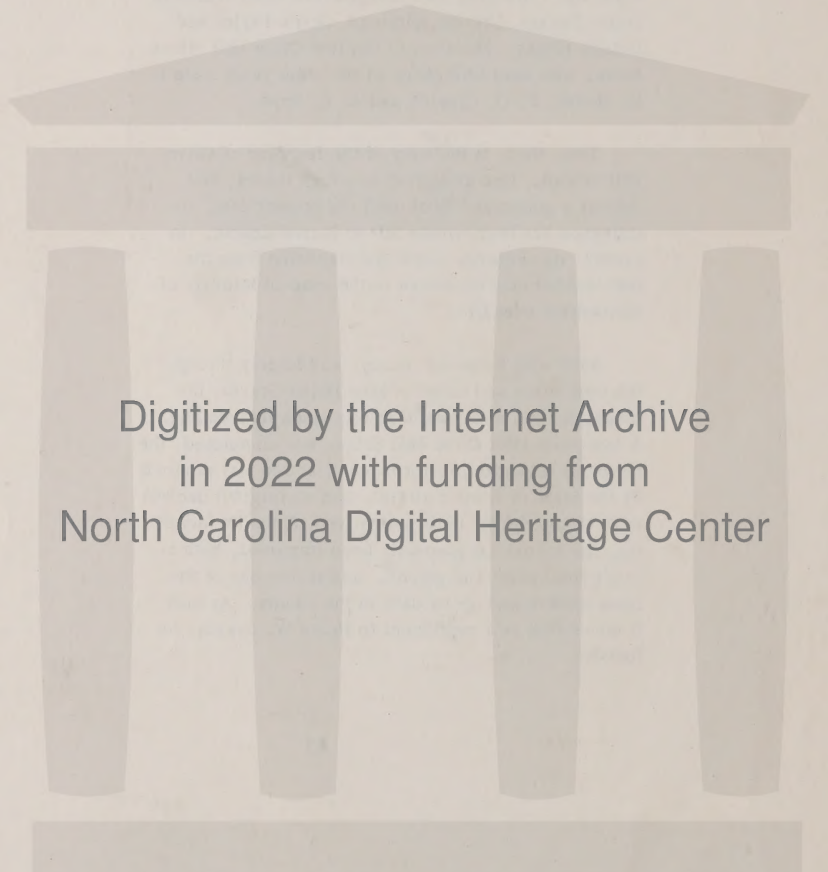
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When necessary funds for the project had been thus secured, actual construction of the new school was placed under direction of a building committee composed of J. A. Long, K. C. Wagstaff, J. M. Brewer, J. B. Satterfield and S. C. Tillman. Contract for the building was let to George W. Kane of Roxboro, who completed it in the Fall of 1920 as his second job in Person County.

Immediately upon completion of the building, a school term was begun, with Helen W. Graves as Principal and a teaching staff composed of Ethel Winstead, Lottie Tucker, Loraine Winstead, Bessie Paylor and Huldah Hester. Members of the first Olive Hill school board, who went into office in the same year, were J. H. Hester, F. O. Clayton and A. L. Boyd.

This, then, is the story of the founding of Olive Hill School. Operating first as a high school, and then as a grammar school until the present date, its influence has been widely felt in Person County. In reality, its existence marks the transition from the one-teacher country school to the modern standard of elementary education.

Built with borrowed money, and largely through the inspiration and effort of Miss Helen Graves, the school has had a successful history since its founding. A few years after Olive Hill School was completed, the financial responsibility for its construction was assumed by the State of North Carolina, and its original backers were released from their obligation. Since its founding, the school has gradually been improved, both as to physical plant and grounds, and is now one of the most modern and up-to-date in the county. As such, it now stands as a monument to Helen W. Graves, its founder.



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DEDICATION

To the teachers and all
those who have made Olive
Hill a better school, We
hereby dedicate this annual.
May their memory always
be cherished.



Jimmy Hester

IN MEMORIAM

Richard Hester





administration



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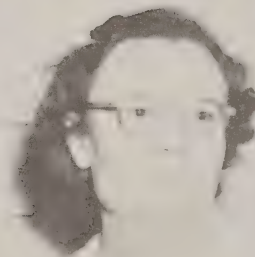
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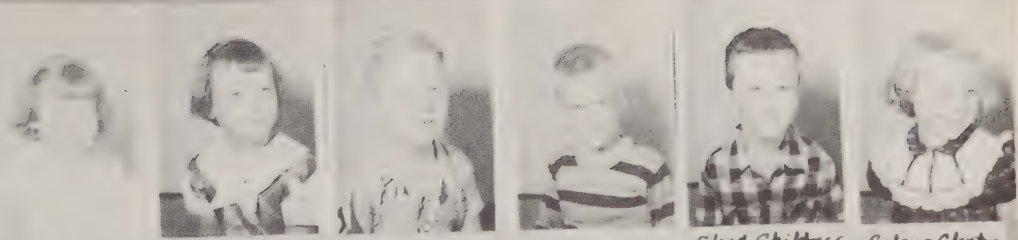
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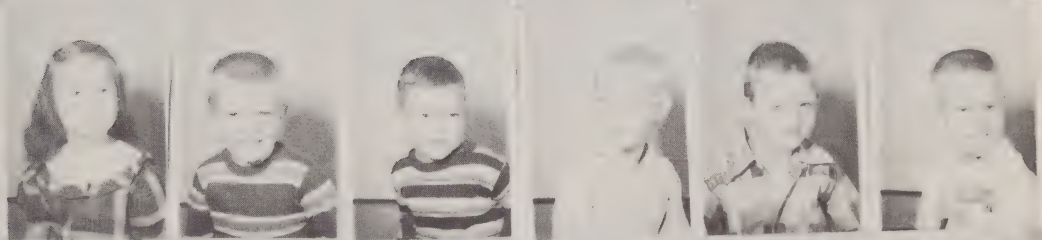
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Peggy Clayton Darryl Duncan Wade Franklin Billy Lee Jimmy Lipscomb Andy Mundy



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Jimmy Harris



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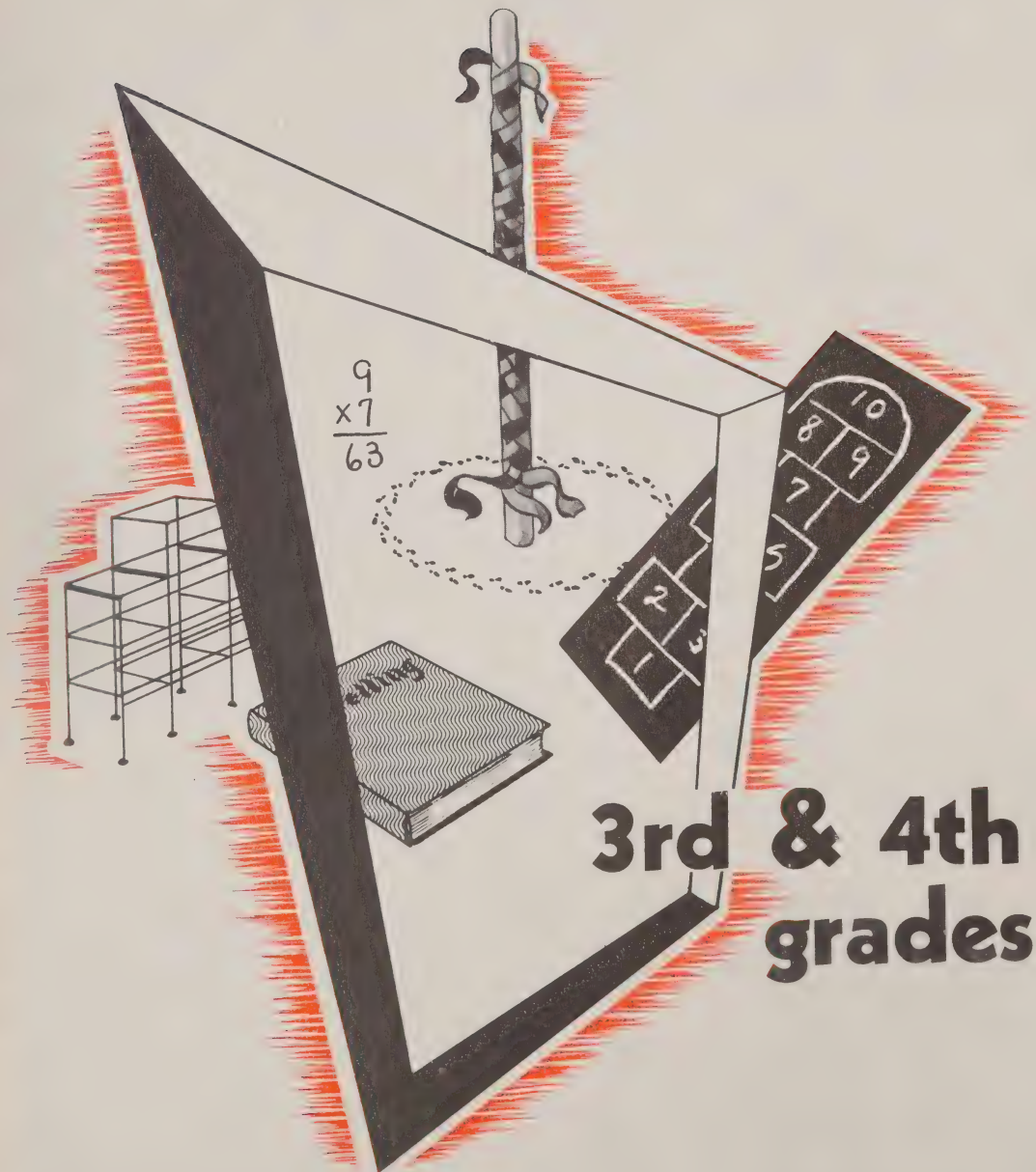


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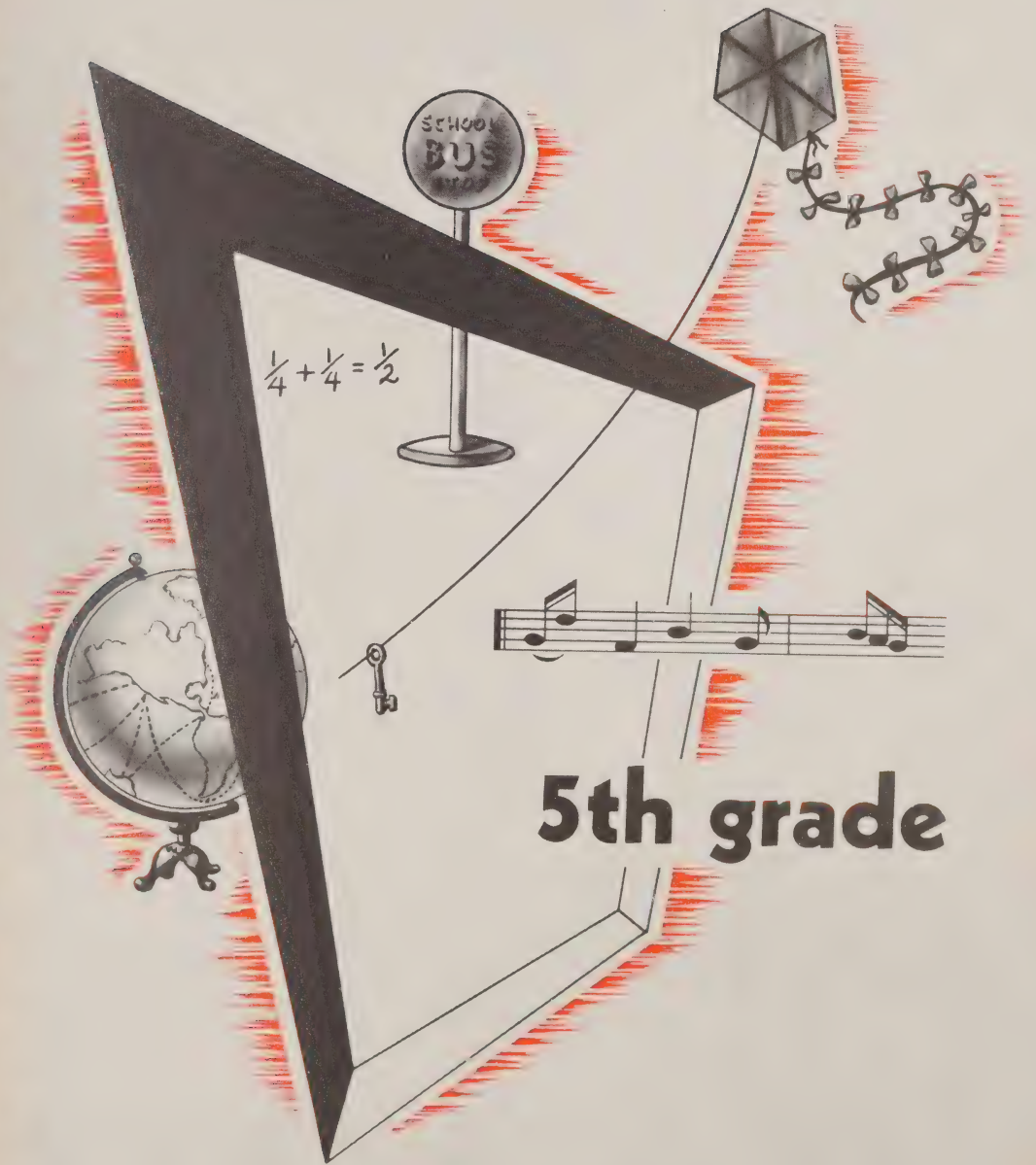
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Randall Compton



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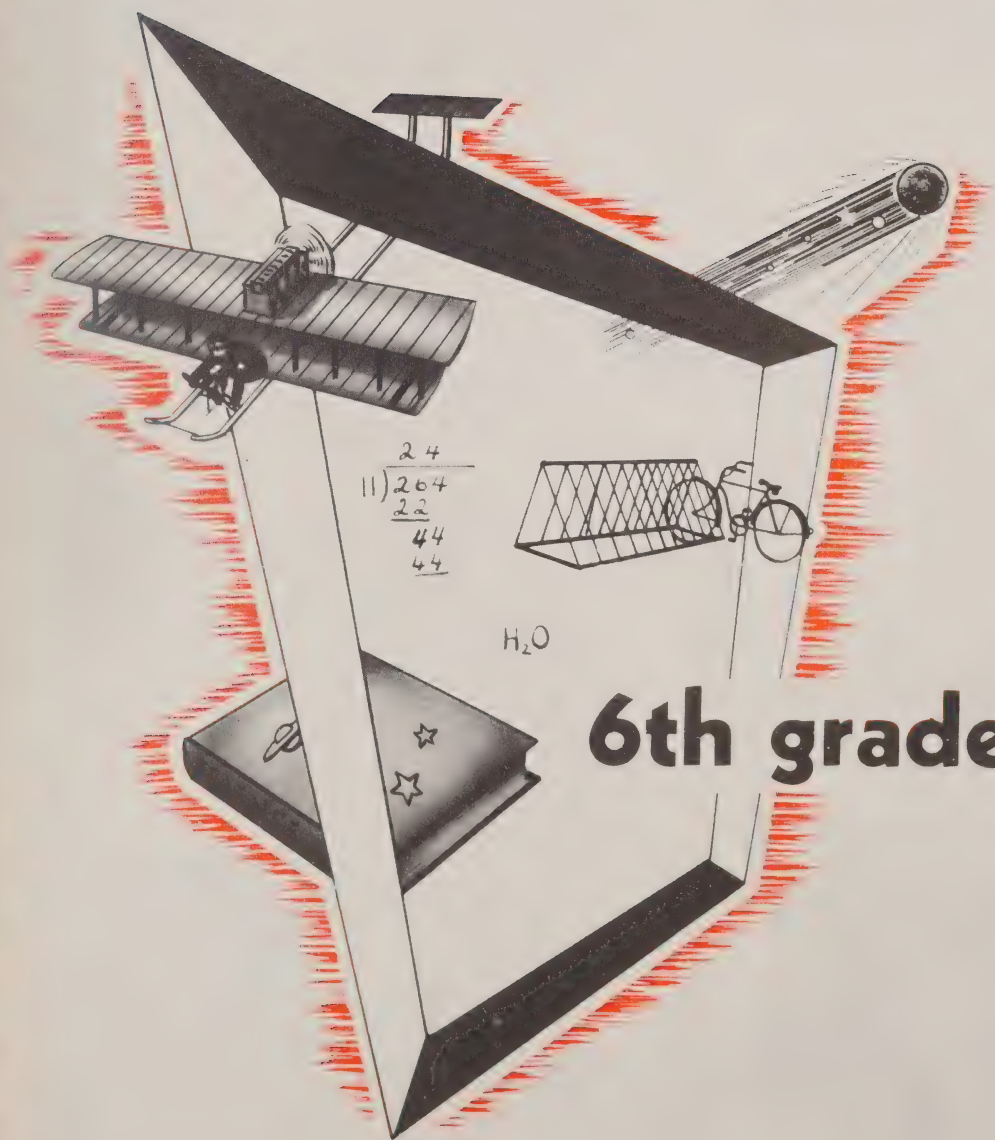
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Brenda Wilson



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Alma & Barbara



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6th grade



Roy Eshannon



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Clinton Clayton



Graham Clayton



Bobby Conner



Linda Gammon



Linnood Oakley



Malcolm Oakley



Percy Oakley



Sam Oakley



Wayne Oakley



Cecil Odell



Lindola Pruitt



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John Thompson



Betty Wagoner



Curtis West



Lacy Williams



Carolyn Aikens



Edward Wilson



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David Witherspoon



Jimmy Woody



Bill Harris

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$$6\% \times 100 = 6$$

7th grade



Bill Anderson



Sue Barker



Bertha Clayton



David Clayton



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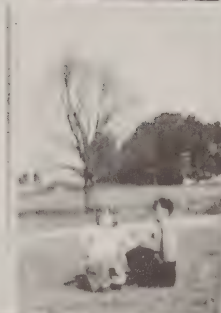


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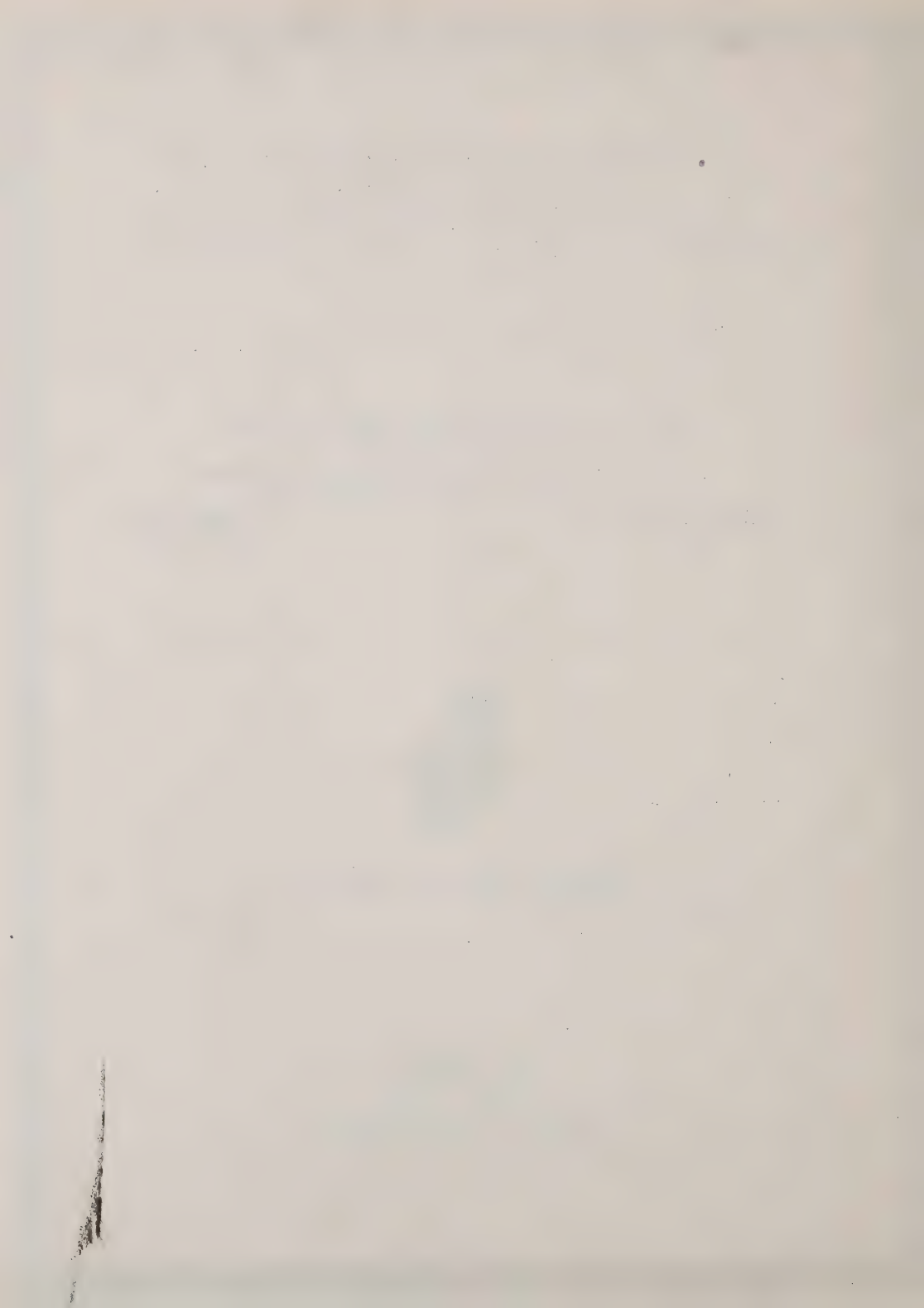
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